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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH SHAH NAWAZ

1. SHAH NAWAZ, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY OF FOREIGN OFFICE, THIS MORNING GAVE ME THE RATIONALE FOR HIS RECENT TRIP TO NORTH KOREA. HE SAID THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD BEEN QUITE UPSET WITH PAKISTAN FOR TWO PARTICULAR REASONS. ONE WAS THAT THEY WERE KEENLY DISAPPOINTED THAT BHUTTO HAD NEVER ACCEPTED THEIR INVITATION FOR A STATE VISIT. THE OTHER WAS THAT THEY WERE INCENSED AT PAKISTAN'S ABSTENTION IN THE UN VOTE ON DISBANDING THE UN COMMISSION IN KOREA. HE SAID THAT WITH THE 48-48 TIE ON THAT VOTE, THE KOREANS HAD BEEN QUITE POINTED IN THEIR RESENTMENT OF THE LACK OF
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AN AFFIRMATIVE PAK VOTE. SHAH NAWAZ SAID THAT UNDER

THESE CONDITIONS IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT SOMEONE SHOULD VISIT NORTH KOREA, AND THAT HE HAD BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE TRIP.

2. SHAH NAWAZ SAID HE THOUGHT THE VISIT WENT WELL ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME DIFFICULTIES BEHIND THE FACADE OF PLEASANT TOASTS, ETC. HE SAID HE HOPED HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO INSTILL SOME SENSE OF REALITY AS REGARDS PAKISTAN'S REASONS FOR WANTING GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THEY COULD NOT REACH A CONSENSUS OF OPINION ON THIS SUBJECT BUT HE LEFT IN THE HOPE THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PAKISTAN POSITION THAN BEFORE HIS VISIT.

3. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE ATMOSPHERE, SHAH NAWAZ SAID THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD ASKED THAT HE GIVE THEM AN ADVANCE COPY OF HIS REMARKS WHICH HE PLANNED TO GIVE AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY VICE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HO DAM. SHAH NAWAZ HAD REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO PROVIDING HE ALSO HAD AN ADVANCE COPY OF WHAT THEY PLANNED TO SAY. HE SAID WHEN HE RECEIVED THE COPY OF THEIR PLANNED REMARKS IT CONTAINED NEARLY TWO PAGES OF VITRIOLIC ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID HE HAD THEN TOLD HIM HE WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE HIS OWN REMARKS IF THESE PASSAGES REMAINED AS DRAFTED. HE SAID THE END RESULT HAD BEEN THE CONDENSATION OF THE ANTI-AMERICAN REMARKS IN THEIR DRAFT SPEECH TO ONE SENTENCE WHICH WAS NOT OVERLY CRITICAL. HE GAVE ME A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL KOREAN TEXT, ALONG WITH THE REVISED TEXT AS DELIVERED, AS WELL AS A COPY OF HIS OWN REMARKS. HE MADE A POINT THAT THESE TEXTS WERE FOR MY READING ONLY AS OBVIOUSLY HE WOULD NOT WANT THE BYPLAY ON THIS TO GET BACK TO THE KOREANS. I SAID I WOULD RESPECT HIS CONFIDENCE.

4. SHAH NAWAZ SAID HE HAD ASKED FOR, AND RECEIVED, AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE CAPITALISTIC SPORT OF PHEASANT SHOOTING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. HE SAID HE FELT IN GENERAL THAT THE VISIT MIGHT HAVE DONE SOME GOOD, ALTHOUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY STILL IRRITATION ON THE SPECIFIC TWO COMPLAINTS OF THE KOREANS AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

5. SHAH NAWAZ SAID HE HAD ARRIVED IN PEKING ON THE DAY OF THE FALL OF PHNOM PHEN BUT HAD NOTICED NO OVERT FEELING OF OPTIMISM OR EXPRESSIONS OF DESIRE TO CAPITALIZE QUICKLY UPON EVENTS. HE SAID HE FELT IT NOTABLE THAT HE

DID NOT HEAR ANY CRITICISM WHATSOEVER OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE CHINESE WHILE HE WAS THERE ALTHOUGH THERE WERE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION.

6. SHAH NAWAZ SAID SIHANOUK HAD INVITED HIM TO DINNER AND HAD SURPRISED HIM BY GIVING HIM A MENU TO CHOOSE FROM, SAYING THAT COOKING WAS A HOBBY OF HIS AND HE WANTED HIS GUESTS TO HAVE THEIR CHOICE. HE SAID THAT SIHANOUK HAD SAID HIS MOTHER WAS FATALLY ILL, THAT THERE WERE OTHER THINGS TO DO IN ANY EVENT, AND GENERALLY HAD TALKED AS IF HE MIGHT REMAIN IN PEKING FOR SOME TIME. HE SAID HIS REMARKS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES SEEMED TO BE MORE INSORROW THAN IN ANGER, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT HE FELT HIS PRESCRIPTION FOR CAMBODIA HAD BEEN THE RIGHT ONE ALL ALONG IF WE COULD HAVE ONLY SEEN IT. HE ALSO LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT RELATIONS WERE NOT TOO CLOSE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SAMPAN. HE MADE ONE REMARK THAT SAMPAN APPARENTLY FELT THAT HE HAD NOW DEFEATED THE GREATEST POWER ON EARTH AND WAS, THEREFORE, A LITTLE HARD TO DEAL WITH. SHAH NAWAZ SAID HE ATTEMPTED TO PRESENT SOME OF THE FEELINGS IN THE US ON THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE AS WELL AND AS MUCH AS HE THOUGH HE COULD UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT DID NOT ATTEMPT ARGUMENTATION IN WHAT WAS APPARENTLY A PLEASANT SOCIAL OCCASION.

7. I THANKED SHAH NAWAZ FOR PASSING ALONG THE ATMOSPHERE HE HAD ENCOUNTERED ON WHAT I SAID MUST HAVE BEEN AN INTERESTING TRIP FOR HIM.
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